

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Assembly Bill 778 without my signature.

Without question, IHSS workers perform an invaluable service for California's most vulnerable citizens allowing them to remain in their own homes. Many IHSS workers have made significant personal sacrifices in order to care for a family member or other person in need and receive relatively low wages for their work.

Having said this, if this bill were implemented, the general driving public, including many working for similar low wages, may be forced to subsidize the cost associated with these particular insureds since insurers would be precluded from rating them and charging them appropriately.

I encourage the Legislature and the insurance industry to address the narrow situation where those driving their own family members to medical appointments are not considered as driving during the "course of employment."

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger